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NOTE: the signed copy of this letter on President's letterhead should be in-hand next week (estimate July 7<sup>th</sup>)

Dear AASHE STARS Committee:

As the flagship land-grant University for the State of Florida, UF is committed to becoming a national leader in sustainability through its research, academics and operations. For nearly two decades, UF has been expanding its sustainability programming and working toward aspirational goals in key areas such as waste reduction, energy conservation, biodiversity preservation, sustainable building standards, and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

The path to a sustainable future requires critical thinking, innovation, and collaboration. The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) provides an excellent framework to measure our success, and to identify opportunities for improvement. Not only does STARS allow us to benchmark the University of Florida among our peer institutions, but it also gives us valuable insight into other colleges' and universities' best practices and unique strengths that can help us all raise our sustainability programs to new levels.

We are proud to be counted among the many higher education institutions that are meeting the challenges of sustainability in our world today. On behalf of the University of Florida, I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of the information gathered and submitted for the STARS program.

Sincerely,

W. Kent Fuchs  
President  
University of Florida